THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO.13027 OF 2005

Dated 5th September 2005

Between:

D.Achutha Reddy S/o.D.Parvatha Reddy,

R/o.8-2-601/P/9, Road No.10. Banjara Hills,

Hyderabad.

…Petitioner

And

The Govt.of A.P., rep.by its Spl.Chief Secretary,

Transport, Roads & Buildings (TR-I) Department,

Hyderabad & another.

…Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioner purchased a Ford Icon car on 31.3.2005. He intended to get a fancy registration number for it. In accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Government, for the purpose of allotting fancy numbers, he submitted an application through the proper channel. The first respondent issued a memo, dated 15.4.2005, allotting the number AP9(BG)009, to the petitioner. As on that date, the premium payable for this number was Rs.20,000/-. At a later date, i.e. 30.5.2005, Government issued G.O.Ms.No.112, enhancing the amount payable, for the numbers 1, 9, 999

and 9999 of any series, to Rs.50,000/-. The grievance of the petitioner is that the respondents are insisting on the payment of the enhanced amount, for allotting the number to him.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Transport.

It is true that through a memo dated 15.4.2005, the first respondent allotted the number AP9(BG)009, to the petitioner. However, by that time, neither the petitioner paid the premium on that number, nor the vehicle was produced for registration. Before these events took place, the Government revised the amount payable for fancy numbers, through G.O.Ms.No.112, dated 30.5.2005. Once it emerges that the vehicle of the petitioner was not registered, as on 31.5.2005, he would be under obligation to pay the revised amount, in case he wants to avail the benefit of fancy number. Therefore, no relief can be granted to the petitioner.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

5th September 2005

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